

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method for user equipment for a mobile communication system comprising:

receiving a message on said user equipment including a first list including a plurality of network identifiers corresponding to a plurality of available networks ~~available~~ for a potential handover, said receiving from a current active communication network while a call is in progress; and

selecting one network of the plurality of available networks to which the user equipment hands over based upon a comparing of said first list with a second list stored in the user equipment,

~~comparing the received first list with a second list stored in the user equipment, said second list including at least one network identifier being an identifier of a network that is never to be used,~~ wherein said current active ~~mobile~~ communication network signals one or more of the plurality of network identifiers corresponding to the plurality of available networks ~~available~~ for the potential handover, and said receiving of said message occurs without said user equipment searching any ~~said mobile~~ communication network.

29. (Currently Amended) User equipment for a mobile communication network comprising:

means for receiving a message that includes a first list including a plurality of network identifiers corresponding to a plurality of available networks ~~that are available~~ for a potential handover, from a current active ~~the~~ communication network while a call is in progress; and

means for selecting one network of the plurality of available networks to which the user equipment hands over based on a comparing of said first list with a second list stored in the user equipment ~~comparing the received first list with a second list which includes at least one network identifier and is stored in the user equipment, the at least one network identifier in the second list being an identifier of a network that is never to be used~~, wherein said current active mobile communication network signals one or more of the plurality of network identifiers corresponding to the plurality of available networks available for the potential handover, and said receiving of said message occurs without said user equipment searching any ~~said mobile~~ communication network.

30. – 31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

means for receiving by a user equipment a message that includes a first list including a plurality of network identifiers corresponding to a plurality of available networks ~~that are available~~ for a potential handover, from a current active ~~the~~ communication network while a call is in progress;

means for selecting one network of a plurality of networks to which the user equipment hands over based upon a comparing of said first list with a second list stored in the user equipment, said second list including at least one network identifier corresponding to a network that is never to be used ~~comparing by the user equipment the received first list with a second list which includes at least one network identifier from the plurality of network identifiers and is internally stored in the user equipment, the at least one network identifier in the second list being an identifier of a network that is never to be used~~;

means for receiving from user equipment communicating with the current active network

an indication of a preferred other network; and

means for supplying neighboring cell information for the preferred other network based on the indication, wherein said current active ~~mobile~~ communication network signals one or more of the plurality of network identifiers corresponding to the plurality of available networks ~~available~~ for the potential handover, and said receiving of said message occurs without said user equipment searching any~~said~~ ~~mobile~~ communication network.

33. (Currently Amended) User equipment for a mobile communication network comprising:

a receiver for receiving a message that includes a first list of a plurality of network identifiers corresponding to a plurality of available networks ~~that are available~~ for a potential handover, from a current active ~~the~~ communication network while a call is in progress; and

a selector for selecting one network of the plurality of available networks to which the user equipment hands over based on a comparing of said first list with a second list stored in the user equipment ~~a comparator for comparing the received first list with a second list which includes at least one network identifier and is stored in the user equipment, the at least one network identifier in the second list being an identifier of a network that is never to be used,~~ wherein said current active ~~mobile~~ communication network signals one or more of the plurality of network identifiers corresponding to the plurality of available networks ~~available~~ for the potential handover, and said receiver receives said message without said user equipment searching any ~~said~~ ~~mobile~~ communication network.

34. (New) The method for user equipment for a mobile communication system according to claim 28, wherein said message is a dedicated message for signaling available networks for handover.

35. (New). The method for user equipment for a mobile communication system according to claim 34, wherein said message is periodically transmitted by said current active network without a specific request.

36. (New) The method for user equipment for a mobile communication system according to claim 28, further comprising the step of:

storing said first list in said user equipment.

37. (New) The method for user equipment for a mobile communication system according to claim 34, wherein said message includes a special identifier indicating that said message contains a list of available networks for handover.

38. (New) The method for user equipment for a mobile communication system according to claim 36, further comprising the step of:

receiving, by the user equipment, a second message including at least one network identifier corresponding to a network that is to be deleted from the first list.